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Amendments to the Drawings

A new sheet of drawings for Figure 27C is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Support for Figure 27C can be found at page 83, lines 1-19 of the specification.

Attachment: new sheet of drawings for Figure 27C

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REMARKS

A Notice Of Allowance dated August 9, 2006 was issued by the USPTO in connection with this application. Subsequently, a Notice Of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification dated September 18, 2006 was issued by the USPTO.


The September 18, 2006 Notice Of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification stated that Figure 27C is referenced in the Brief Description of the Drawings section in the specification but not included in the drawings filed with the application.

A new sheet of drawings for Figure 27C is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Applicant maintains that no new matter is added by the new sheet of drawings for Figure 27C which represents in graphical form the information at page 83, lines 1-19 of the specification. In addition, this U.S. application incorporates by reference (see page 91, lines 15-18) the entire contents of priority Japanese application no. 2000-045560, filed February 23, 2000, and Figure 27C of the present U.S. application is also supported by the contents of Japanese application no. 2000-045560.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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